

my brother Peboan (winter) reigns, and I will help him to strip these forests, still these rivers and send the icy blasts flying over the great lakes and waters, and the whirling, powdery snow drifting high about the wigwams. It will be rare sport to make my brother Seegwun (spring) work till he sweats to repair my mischief, and I'll be back to see him at it."

Then, overcome with this labor of thinking out things for himself, to which he was not accustomed, and being yet unfurled with the great feast of the Midway, held in the month of the Sturgeon, when all the fruits and grains, the game and the fish, are most abundant and delicious, the lazy sun god failed to note the sly approach of Wseng, the Spirit of Sleep, who with many hued pinions came softly fluttering in the air with a gentle drowse of murmuring noise which in time stole away the senses of the Manito, and while not at all meaning to linger, yet he drifted away into peaceful slumber.

Then, while he thus sleeps, summer gayly tarries and flaunts her most vivid colors in the face of the stupid sun god; the waters laugh softly, the winds murmur in gentle undertone and all things in nature conspire together to laugh at and mock him, and yet so quietly as not to disturb his slumbers. While he dreams the smoke from his peace-pipe fills the air—you see it resting there on the far hills in purple haze, in the still valleys, on the quiet waters, over all the landscape like a shimmering veil. And not till his mighty calumet is smoked out to the very latest spark will the fat and lazy Manito awaken.

This, then, is the Indian summer.

Persons Who Walk on Water.

United States Consul Hugh Long, at Nogales, Mexico, has furnished the State department particulars of the supposed murder of a party of Americans, headed by Captain Porter, by the Seris Indians, on Tiburon Island, in the Gulf of California. The Consul says the island of Tiburon is one of the largest and most picturesque in the Gulf of California, and is peopled by a most remarkable tribe of Indians, who are noted for their large size and extraordinary athletics on land and water. Those who have witnessed their aquatic sports at a respectful distance declare that many of them can actually walk, or rather run, upon the water with no other assistance than broad rawhide shoes. They are, writes the Consul, expert fishermen and huntsmen, having rigid ideas as to the maintenance of game preserves on the island and limiting the killing of game under severe penalties. They destroy all children in infancy that are malformed or appear to be lacking in intelligence. In this way the standard of physical and mental conditions in both sexes is kept very high.

Bear and Buffalo in Yellowstone Park.

Colonel S. M. B. Young, acting superintendent of the Yellowstone park, in his annual report says there has been a rapid increase of black bears within the park limits and that complaints have been made that bears have broken into the storehouses and destroyed meat and other provisions in large quantities. It is a common occurrence to see from six to twelve bears any afternoon feeding on the garbage dumps within a few hundred yards of the hotel. He recommends that some of the bears be disposed of to zoological gardens. He also says coyotes are numerous and bold and kill many young antelopes.

Colonel Young estimates the number of buffaloes at twenty-four and that they seem to be the only game which is not increasing under government protection. He says he has consulted with Dr. Baker, superintendent of the national zoological park, as to the practicability and advisability of corraling the remaining buffalo in the park with a view to their preservation and increase, and that their concurrent conclusion is that it has been the experience of most persons engaged in the capture and domestication of wild animals that, while the young may be confined with successful results, it is otherwise with adults.

"Do you call this ice cream pudding?"
"Yessum, and it's very nice, too."
"But where is the ice cream?"
"Oh, that's only the name given that peculiar make of pudding; we are making a drive on it. I'm sure you'll like it when you taste it."
"It seems to me that you ought to give ice cream with it as long as you call it ice cream pudding."
"We don't give cottages with cottage pudding," quickly replied the witty waitress, which threw the middle-aged woman into a convulsion of laughter, and she ordered a second plate.—Boston Herald.

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1. Writers.—Edwards, Mather, Cooper, Elliot.
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- (2) Colonial and revolutionary warfare. Moultrie, Cheever, Winthrop, Upham, Frothingham, Thatcher.
- (3) Biographers. Wheaton, Marshall, Weems, Tudor, Wirt.
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LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Define the term literature. (a.)
2. Can the writings of Von Humboldt be classed as literary productions in the true sense of the term?
3. Of what importance were the colonial writings? *
4. What usually characterizes the literature of a colony?
5. What was the nature of the first literary productions in America? (b.)
6. Was the early literature of other countries of this class—say, Rome? (c.)
7. Has Greek mythology played any part in the literature of our own country? (d.)
8. What was the "Pleiades of Connecticut," and why so called? (c.)
9. What influences were produced by the advent of schools and printing presses? (f.)

REFERENCES.

- (a) Royce's American Literature or any good dictionary.
- (b) Page 27, Beers' Initial Studies in American Letters.
- (c) Encyclopedia Britannica.
- (d and e) See Side Lights.
- (f) Text book, pages 12 and 19.

SIDE LIGHTS.

(d) The Bible and Greek mythology have ever infused into all poetry. To the former we are indebted for the purity, simplicity and expression. To the latter, scope of the imagination, etc.

(b) Religious freedom being the one great factor which caused the people of the Old World to migrate to the New what then more natural, more human, in fact, that this principle for which lives were risked and lost, should become the principle, the subject of all discussions, and the central figure with which all poetry and prose was clustered round and to which was attuned the music within their souls? Each colony, made up of various characters, had, in a measure, its own peculiar religion; from all, however, came the cry as from the cradle of every nation born to earth—Freedom!

(c) The "Pleiades of Connecticut," so named from the constellation Taurus (the Bull), the second sign of the zodiac which the sun enters toward the 20th day of April. This constellation consists of seven stars—originally the seven daughters of Atlas transformed into stars. The early astronomers gave the name of men and animals and other objects of fancied resemblance to groups of stars. Seven noted poets of France at one time styled themselves "La Pleiades," in emulation of the Greek writers of Alexandria.

"Our forefathers," says Dickinson, "were founding a state on the basis of the town-meeting; they were spreading Christianity, as they understood it, with might and main. They made literature possible, just as they made art possible; but they do not deserve, in the chronicles of literature and art, a disproportionate space." Previous to this he says: "A few great names stand out, but only a few. For the purpose of comparative criticism the student should know thoroughly William Bradford, John Winthrop, Samuel Sewall, Cotton Mather, Jonathan Edwards, Benjamin Franklin and the makers of the new nation from 1750 to 1790."

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